

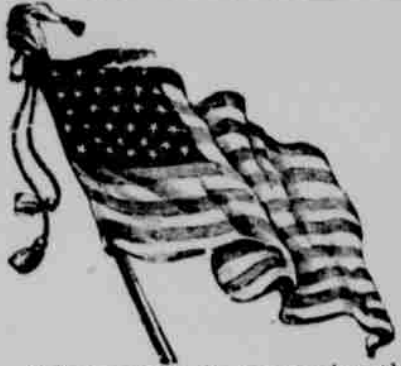
# The Alma Record.

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"Long may it wave o'er the land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

**THEY SHOULD HAVE IT**  
There is a bill pending in congress to give mail carriers more pay, and it seems like a good time to give expression to the feeling that perhaps they are entitled to it, as work increases, the cost of living mounts, and they continue to carry mail around at the same old wage that they were getting ten years ago.

It will be recalled that just a short time ago the local postoffice had a hard time to secure a man, because of the small pay offered to start.

As we recall only one raise has been given postal employees in the past 40 years, this coming some ten years ago.

The only chance that they have to secure an increase is to induce congress to give it. They cannot strike, threaten or tie up things as many have tried to do in some affairs in this country since the war was declared.

## THE CHURCHES

**Christian Science**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Knights of Pythias Hall.  
Sunday, 10:30 a. m.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Subject for Dec. 23, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"  
Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2 till 4.

**United Brethren Church**  
119 Hastings street, Rev. Leon Cook has been appointed as pastor to Alma charge, and will preach every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Sunday school every Sunday at 11 o'clock.  
Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

**Salvation Army**  
The Salvation Army will give a dinner to the poor on Monday. A Christmas tree will be given at night for the poor children; also we are expecting to give out between twenty-five and thirty bushel baskets of food.

**Church of Christ**  
Pine St. J. S. Raum, minister.  
10 a. m., morning worship.  
11:15 a. m., bible school.  
6:00 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.  
7:00 p. m., reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Otherwise Man" by Mrs. Raum and a brief address by the minister.  
Union prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

**Baptist Church**  
J. W. Priest, pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot.  
Sunday morning service, 10 o'clock.  
Sermon, "God with Us."  
Christmas music.  
Sunday school, 11:15.  
B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6 o'clock.  
Topic, "Christmas Giving."  
Leader, Marguerite Moore.  
Evening service, 7 o'clock.  
Sermon, "Christ Waiting to Find Room."  
Christmas entertainment Monday night.  
Offering for the Armenian union prayer meeting Thursday night in Episcopal church. All are cordially invited to these services.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
William H. Mason, pastor.  
Sunday, Dec. 23.  
10 a. m.—Public worship. Subject: "The Second Advent."  
11:30 a. m.—Sabbath school.  
2:45 p. m.—Eastminster Sabbath school.  
6:15 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E.  
7:00 p. m.—Public worship. Subject: "The Significance of the Incarnation."  
A cordial welcome to all services of the church.

**St. John's Church**  
Morning prayer, 10 a. m.  
Subject, "Naaman the Syrian."  
Sunday school, 11:30 a. m.  
Men's Bible class, 11:30 a. m.  
Vesper service, 5:00 p. m.  
**Christmas Service**  
On Christmas day at 9:30 there will be service in St. John's church. Holy communion, a short address and Christmas hymns. Anyone wishing to attend this service, which will probably be the only one in the city, will be welcome.

Wm. S. Hart in "The Disciple."—Idlehour—Xmas day.—Adv.  
Billie Burke in "Arms and the Girl."—Idlehour—Thursday.—Adv.  
Marguerite Clark in "The Valentine Girl."—Idlehour—Monday.—Adv.

## MURDER MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED

(Continued from page one)

Recently Mrs. Hiram Gilson's husband had died, and Beaudry showed her every possible consideration, feeling sure that sooner or later he would be able to get something out of her in regard to the case, which he felt sure she knew about.

On a trip home from Ithaca just a short time ago, she was accompanied by Beaudry, who spoke in touching tones of the Eplers and the tragedy, and she wondered if she could see them. Beaudry took the Eplers to her home in what is now known as the Holiday sub-division, Saturday, to meet her.

Just before reaching the Gilson home Beaudry told Mr. and Mrs. Epler that he was going to get a confession and that he would have to lie a little to get it.

When they had reached the house and he had introduced Mr. and Mrs. Epler, Beaudry told Mrs. Gilson that a party was coming from Flint to tell about the case, and that then she would go behind the bars. He told her that if she would confess she would get out of it.

She broke down and made a confession before the three. Beaudry then went for Attorney James G. Kress in order to get a signed confession. Not being able to get him at the time he secured Detective Powers of the Republic plant.

Spurred up by some conversation with the prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith, Mrs. Gilson admitted that the crime had been committed in her home, and that Eichorn, Brennan, Mrs. Inez Johnson and the Epler girl were there. She lays the actual murder at the door of Albert Eichorn. Details of the confession had not got to the public and Prosecutor Ora L. Smith has no intention of letting them get out, as they will be all important to the prosecution in its case.

Mrs. Gilson is said to have told Mr. and Mrs. Epler, while they were awaiting the return of Beaudry with Powers, that Eichorn returned to her home early the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 5, following the crime, and said to her: "Annie, for God's sake don't squeal."

She asked where he had put the body, and it is said that he replied: "I put her along the side of the road near her home where her parents could find her."

The confession which Beaudry thus obtained contained the needed evidence on which to base a case. It was immediately taken to Attorney James G. Kress and Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith called in and after he had read the confession steps were immediately taken to round up the three, which was done a very few hours after.

Sunday morning Beaudry and Mr. and Mrs. Epler returned to the home of Mrs. Gilson and secured an additional statement, which was taken down by Mr. Epler, and signed by Mrs. Gilson. This statement is also in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith.

Monday morning Mrs. Gilson was taken to the county jail where she is being detained as a highly important witness in the case, and for prosecution. Beaudry believes that there is still more to come out in regard to the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Epler are highly elated at the course of events in the case, and are high in their praises of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., Detective Charles Powers of the Republic, David Beaudry, the faithful amateur sleuth who put over the case, Attorney James G. Kress and others who aided in rounding up the alleged criminals and placed them behind the bars, where they are awaiting the course of justice.

It is reported that Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith and E. L. Smith of the legal department of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., secured additional data from Mrs. Gilson Monday afternoon at Ithaca, according to reliable information, but its nature has not been divulged.

Albert Eichorn was brought back from Saginaw this morning for his hearing which is in progress at Ithaca this afternoon. The hearings of Mrs. Johnson and Joe F. Brennan are expected to be held within a few days.

It is understood that Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith will ask to have the trials held just as soon as possible, after the hearings and they may be started within three weeks.

## PRUDEN ORDERS BE CAREFUL OF LIGHTS

(Continued from page one)  
banning upon the maker and user of electricity for illumination purposes within the state of Michigan and that they are in full force and effect from and after this date.

W. K. PRUDEN,  
Federal Fuel Administrator,  
Lansing, Mich., Nov. 22, 1917.—Adv.

Marguerite Clark in "The Valentine Girl."—Idlehour—Monday.—Adv.

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**A crowd is what you need, Mr. Farmer, at that sale. The more bidders the higher the prices your stuff will bring.**

**Publish the entire list of articles to be offered for sale, and see what happens.**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**Estate of Martha J. Fraker, Deceased. HEARING CLAIMS.**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.  
At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 5th day of December, 1917.  
Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.  
In the matter of the estate of Martha J. Fraker, Deceased.  
The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Philip W. Crocker of Alma, Michigan, appointed executor thereof.  
It is ordered that four months from the date hereof be given to creditors to present their claims against said estate, and that such claims will be heard by said court on Saturday, the 8th day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.  
It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.  
J. LEE POTTS,  
Judge of Probate.  
A true copy. Attest: MADGE E. BARNES, Register of Probate. 20-41

**MORTGAGE SALE**  
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Florence M. Perkins to the Alma State Savings Bank, of Alma, Michigan, dated the 21st day of January, A. D. 1912, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Gratiot and State of Michigan, on the first day of February A. D. 1912 in Liber 119 of mortgages, on page 618, and which said mortgage was duly assigned by said bank to Jesse L. Barden, on the 21st day of August A. D. 1917, and which said assignment was recorded in said office on the 10th day of September A. D. 1917, in Liber 131 of mortgages, on page 586, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Thousand Two and 93/100 dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and to suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.  
Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1918, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the undersigned will, at the north front door of the Court House in the village of Ithaca, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Gratiot, is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount on as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:  
The west fractional half of the southwest fractional quarter of section eighteen in township twelve north of range four west, Michigan.  
Dated November 24th, 1917.  
JESSE L. BARDEN,  
Attorney for Assignee,  
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Famous Connaught Rangers.

The Connaught rangers were originally called the "Devil's Own" because of their rapacity, but their superb fighting in the Fenian war, and their approach to the top of honor at Fuentes d'Onoro and at Balaclava they fought with amazing fury.

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## NOTICE TO PINE RIVER TAXPAYERS.

I will be at the hardware in Forest Hill Thursdays, Dec. 13, 20 and 27, 1917, and Jan. 3, 1918, at First State Bank, Alma; Fridays, Dec. 14, 21 and 28, 1917, and Jan. 4, 1918, at Commercial Savings Bank, St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 19